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## U.S. SPECIAL FORCES



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HIS NAME WAS TREAD HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BLACK DRAGON, EMPHASIS ON "WAS."

HE DIED FOR A SECRET.

RATHER THAN BETRAY THE TRUST OF ONE OF THE MOST RUTHLESS CRIME ORGANIZATIONS ON EARTH, TREAD CHOSE DEATH AS A WAY OF KEEPING HIS SILENCE.

WELL,  
WHAT'S YOUR  
PROGNOSIS,  
DOCTOR?

MMM,  
DEAD, OF  
COURSE.  
POISONED  
HIMSELF!

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THAT MUST  
HAVE BEEN  
SOME SECRET  
YOU HAD,  
TREAD.



BLACK  
DRAGON MEMBERS  
HAVE BEEN KNOWN  
TO DO THIS... WHEN  
THE STAKES ARE  
HIGH.



YES, I KNOW, AND IF THEY'RE WILLING TO  
HAVE THEIR OWN MEMBERS TAKE POISON  
PILLS TO SHUT THEM UP, THEN WHAT WILL  
THEY DO TO JAY AND MIKKA?



LIEUTENANT  
BLADE, CALL  
ON MONITOR  
FOUR.



AND WHEN IT COMES TO ENEMIES, THERE'S ONE GROUP THAT HITS THE TOP OF THE DRAGON'S LIST WITH FLYING COLORS...

G'MORNING,  
MAJOR BRIGGS.  
WELCOME TO THE  
WORLD OF THE  
LIVING.

U.S. SPECIAL FORCES

MORTAL KOMBAT  
ADVENTURES

JAY.  
THANK GOD  
YOU'RE  
ALIVE.

RO... ROJACK  
WHAT'S GOING ON?  
WHERE ARE WE?

THE CLEAR SMOKE FINDS ITS WAY INTO JACKSON BRIGGS' STOMACH, STIRRING IN WITH THE TASTE OF THE BLOOD IN HIS MOUTH. THE NAUSEA MAKES HIM WANT TO VOMIT, BUT THE PAIN FROM HIS BATTERED BODY MAKES A LOUDER PLEA FOR HIS ATTENTION.

THE MAN STANDING IN FRONT OF HIM IS A FELLOW NAMED JACK MORRIS. HIS FRIENDS AND ENEMIES ALIKE CALL HIM ROJACK. HE IS A HIGH RANKING OFFICER AND DANGEROUS MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN BLACK DRAGON.

ROJACK IS ALSO KNOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST CLAYED MEMBERS... JACKSON KNOWS THIS, AND HE KNOWS THAT ROJACK MUST WANT SOMETHING FROM HIM AND MIKKA, OR SURELY THEY WOULD BE DEAD BY NOW.

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SECRET TREASURES PART 2





YOU'VE CAUSED A GREAT *SET-BACK* FOR US, MAJOR. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH *GOLD* WE'VE LOST. THANKS TO YOU AND YOU AND YOUR LITTLE *"SURPRISE"* RAID.



BUT IT DON'T MATTER. THERE'S *PLENTY* WHERE THAT CAME FROM. MATTER O' FACT, BUB, YOU'RE GONNA BE *JOINING* OUR RANKS SOON.



AND YOU, GORGEOUS... WE'RE GOIN' ON A *DATE* WHEN THIS IS OVER. HEH, HEH!



OVER MY DEAD *BODY!* WHEN I GET OUT IF THESE ROPES, ROJACK, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO *CRAWL* TWO FEET, LET ALONE GET TO THE *DRIVE-IN*.



OOOH, NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' *MY* LANGUAGE. I ALWAYS DID LIKE A LADY WITH *SPUNK!*



SIDES, I'D  
RATHER TAKE YOU  
TO A NICE *DINNER*  
THAN A CHEAP MOVIE,  
LIEUTENANT. I GOT  
*CLASS*, YOU KNOW.

WHY DON'T YOU  
JUST TELL US  
WHAT'S GOING ON,  
ROJAK!



'CAUSE  
MAYBE I DON'T  
*MAYBE* TO. MAYBE  
I WANT TO KEEP  
YOU SPECS IN  
*SUSPENSE*. MAYBE  
I WANT TO KEEP  
YOU IN THE DARK  
A LITTLE  
LONGER.

MAYBE  
YOU *DON'T*.




MAYBE  
YOU'RE RIGHT.  
THAT *GOLD* WASN'T  
THE MOST *IMPORTANT*  
THING WE FOUND  
ON OUR RECENT  
EXPEDITION.

DON'T YOU  
MEAN *ROBBERY*  
OF SOMEONE  
*ELSE'S*  
EXPEDITION?




WE *TAKE*  
WHAT WE WANT. I  
HAVE SOMETHING  
TO *SHOW* YOU. LET  
ME REACH IN HERE  
AND GRAB THE *ONE*  
THING.




THAT  
WILL MAKE THE  
BLACK DRAGON  
THE WEALTHIEST  
ORGANIZATION  
ON EARTH.

THE  
KITAI...

AN ANCIENT  
DEVICE THAT HOLDS  
MORE POWER THAN  
YOU COULD EVER  
DREAM OF. A DOOR  
KNOB TO A WORLD  
O' RICHES.




"THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO,  
A TRIBE OF ISLANDERS  
WORSHIPPED THIS OBJECT.  
IT WAS THEIR HOLIEST  
POSSESSION..."




"IT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN A  
GIFT FROM THE GODS, GIVEN TO  
THEM BY CREATURES FROM  
ANOTHER WORLD, WHO KNOWS  
WHERE THEY GOT IT."






"AFTER THEIR VICTORIES OVER OTHER TRIBES, THE HIGH PRIEST WOULD BEGIN A CEREMONY USING THE KITAI, EVERYONE WOULD ATTEND AND WATCH.




"AS THE KITAI WOULD OPEN A PORTAL TO ANOTHER DIMENSION.




"THIS IS WHERE THEY WOULD TAKE THEIR SPOILS OF WAR. THIS IS WHERE THEY WOULD HIDE THEIR TREASURES."

BUT THEY WERE RIGHT ABOUT IT BEING SPECIAL.



THE ARCHEOLOGISTS WHO DISCOVERED THE DEVICES WERE UNFORTUNATE TO HAVE ONE OF THEIR MESSAGES INTERCEPTED BY A BLACK DRAGON SNUBBLING ABOUT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE ISLAND'S LEGENDS.



AND THEY TURNED OUT TO BE TRUE. IMAGINE ALL THE TREASURES OF THE ISLAND HIDDEN IN THAT OTHER DIMENSION. THE GOLD WE BLEW UP IN THE MARINA IS ONLY A DROP IN THE BUCKET.

BACK AT U.S. SPECIAL FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS...

"STILL NO  
TRACE OF JAX  
OR MIKKA?"

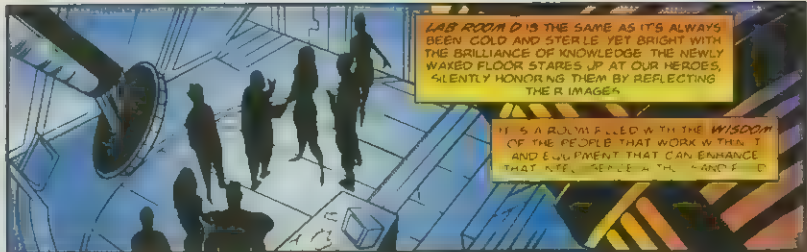
NONE. THEIR  
COM DEVICES WERE  
TAKEN OFF AND  
DITCHED A FEW  
BLOCKS FROM THE  
ACCIDENT SCENE.

THERE'S NO  
WAY TO *TRACE*  
THEM AND WE'VE  
GOTTEN NO CALLS  
FROM THE *BLACK*  
*DRAGON* WITH  
*DEMANDS*.

I HATE TO  
*SAY* THIS LIEUTENANT,  
BUT IF THEY HAVEN'T  
CONTACTED US *YET*,  
THEY *WON'T*. COMMAND  
IS READY TO SEND OUT  
A *SEARCH TEAM*.

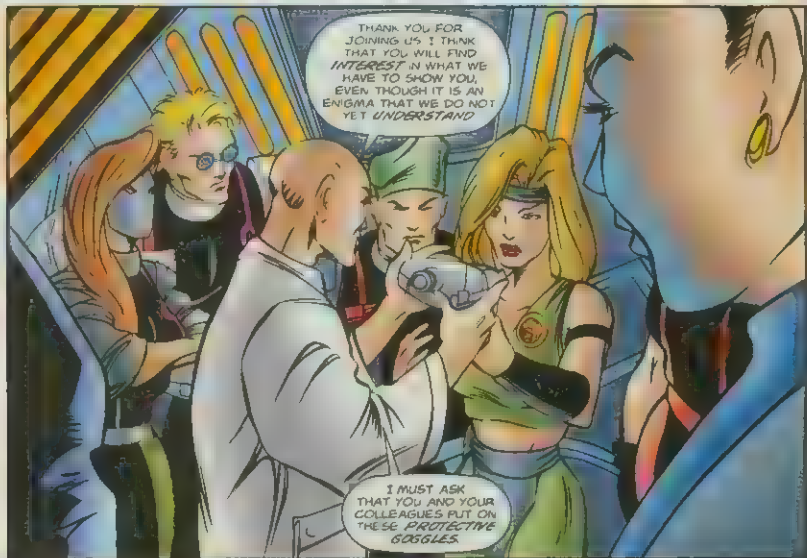
*WAIT--* I  
HAVE A MESSAGE  
FROM THE LAB. THEY  
HAVE SOMETHING  
THEY WANT TO  
*SHOW* YOU.

GATHER  
EVERYONE  
TOGETHER  
AND MEET IN  
LAB ROOM  
D.



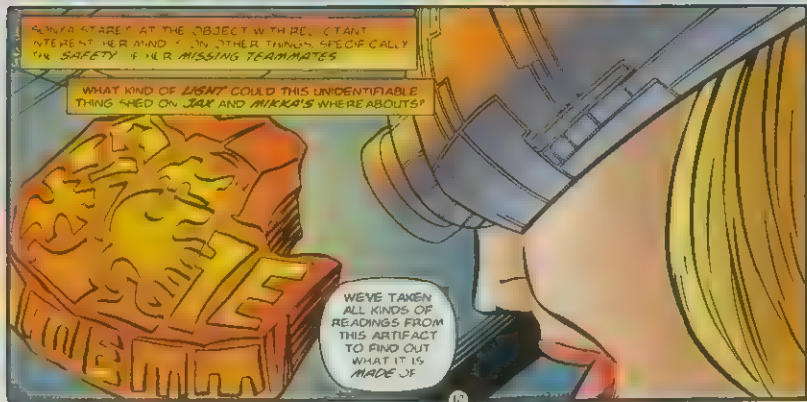
LAB ROOM D IS THE SAME AS IT'S ALWAYS BEEN COLD AND STERILE YET BRIGHT WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF KNOWLEDGE THE NEWLY WAXED FLOOR STARES UP AT OUR HEROES, SILENTLY HONORING THEM BY REFLECTING THEIR IMAGES

IT IS A ROOM FILLED WITH THE WISDOM OF THE PEOPLE THAT WORK WITH IT AND EQUIPMENT THAT CAN ENHANCE THAT WISDOM, REFLECTING THE KNOWLEDGE



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US I THINK THAT YOU WILL FIND INTEREST IN WHAT WE HAVE TO SHOW YOU, EVEN THOUGH IT IS AN ENIGMA THAT WE DO NOT YET UNDERSTAND

I MUST ASK THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES PUT ON THESE PROTECTIVE GOGGLES

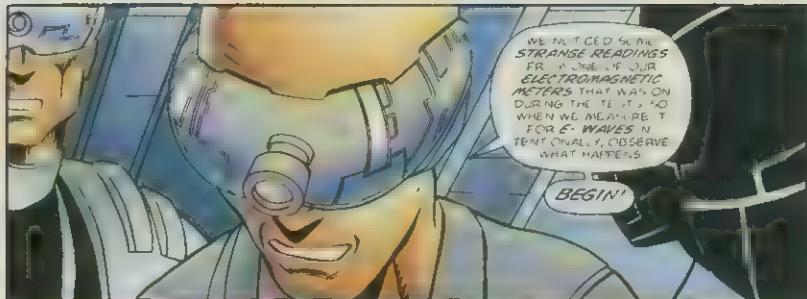


SHUKA STARES AT THE OBJECT WITH RESISTANT INTENT HER MIND SEARCHING FOR OTHER THINGS SPECIFICALLY THE SAFETY OF HER MISSING TEAMMATES

WHAT KIND OF LIGHT COULD THIS UNIDENTIFIABLE THING SHED ON JAX AND MIRKA'S WHEREABOUTS?

WE'VE TAKEN ALL KINDS OF READINGS FROM THIS ARTIFACT TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS MADE OF





WE NOTICED SOME STRANGE READINGS FROM ONE OF OUR ELECTROMAGNETIC METERS THAT WAS ON DURING THE TEST, SO WHEN WE MEASURE IT FOR E-WAVES NEXT, I WOULD, OBSERVE WHAT HAPPENS.

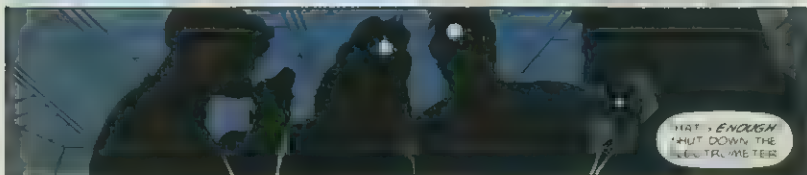
BEGIN!

THE SPECIAL FORCES TEAM, COULD NOT AWE AS THE ANCIENT OBJECT BEGINS TO GLOW AND PULSATE WITH ENERGY.

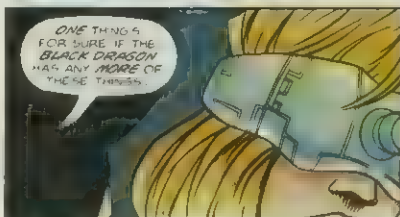
WHAT HAS THE BLACK DRAGON BECOME? IT IS NO WHAT KIND OF POWER HAVE THEY MADE THIS LIVES PRY TO?

THIS 'ARTIFACT' IS SOME KIND OF DEVICE THAT ABSORBS ELECTRICITY AND BUILDS UP A CHARGE FOR WHAT, WE DON'T KNOW THE READINGS GET SO FAR OFF SCALE, IT BECOMES TOO DANGEROUS TO PROCEED TESTING.

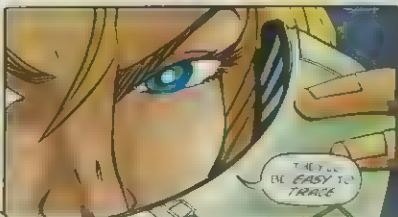
TO GET FEEDBACK WITH A MICROPHONE AND A SPEAKER, THE ELECTROMAGNETIC METER PICKS UP THE ELECTRICITY IN THE ARTIFACT WHILE THE ARTIFACT IN TURN PICKS UP THE ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES SURROUNDING IT AS A CONTINUING CYCLE OF AMPLIFICATION.



THAT'S ENOUGH SHUT DOWN THE ELECTROMETER



ONE THING I FOR SURE IF THE BLACK DRAGON HAS ANY MORE OF THESE THINGS.



THEY ARE EASY TO TRACE



ROJACK THE  
OTHER KITAI HAVE  
ARRIVED

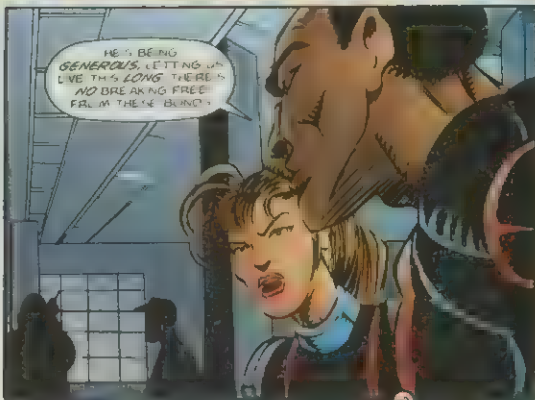
OPEN THE  
EAST DOOR BRING  
THE CRATE OVER  
IMMEDIATELY

HERE IS A **RUGGED** AND **DANGEROUS**  
IN ROJACK'S VOICE THE KIND THAT BELONGS  
TO A MAN WHO'S DONE DEEDS YOU WOULD  
RATHER **NOT** KNOW ABOUT.

TO HAVE THAT MATCHES THE  
WICKED GLARE OF HIS EYES

A **MALICIOUS** TWINKLE THAT FLASHES FOR A  
SECOND, THEN **DEADENS** WITH THE WEIGHT OF  
ANGER. YES, THEY ARE **WICKED EYES** FOR MANY  
OF THE **TRAGEDIES** THEY HAVE WITNESSED WERE  
BY THEIR OWNERS.

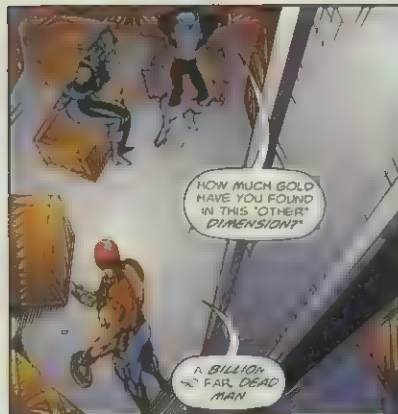
WE'RE **READY**  
TO USE THEM. WE  
GOT US SOME  
**VOLUNTEERS.**



HE'S BEING  
**GENEROUS**, LETTING US  
LIVE THIS LONG. THERE'S  
NO **BREAKING FREE**  
FAR IN THESE **BUNDLES**.



WE'VE  
GOT TO **STALL**  
FOR **TIME**.



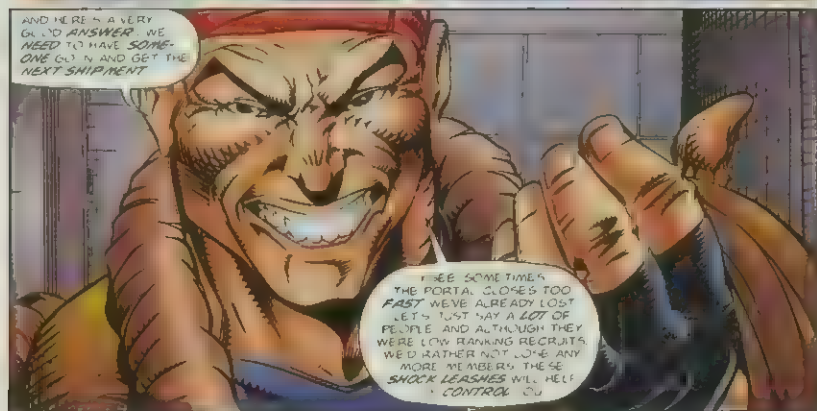
HOW MUCH GOLD  
HAVE YOU FOUND  
IN THIS "OTHER"  
DIMENSION?

A BILLION  
AND FAR DEAD  
MAN



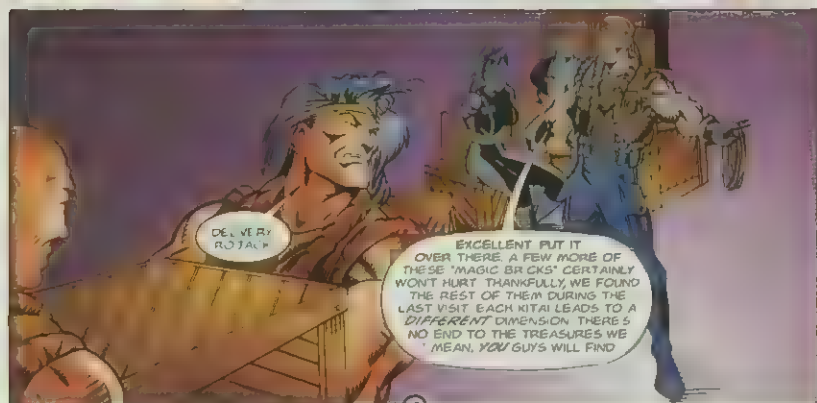
IF WE'RE  
NO DEAD WHY  
ARE WE STILL  
ALIVE?

A VERY  
GOOD  
GUEST, ON  
AGENT  
STONE



AND HERE IS A VERY  
GOOD ANSWER. WE  
NEED TO HAVE SOME-  
ONE GO IN AND GET THE  
NEXT SHIPMENT

FREE SOMETIMES  
THE PORTAL CLOSES TOO  
FAST WE'VE ALREADY LOST  
LET'S JUST SAY A LOT OF  
PEOPLE AND ALTHOUGH THEY  
WERE LOW RANKING RECRUITS  
WE'D RATHER NOT LOSE ANY  
MORE MEMBERS THESE  
SHOCK LEASHES WILL HELP  
CONTROL YOU



DELIVERY  
ROYALTY

EXCELLENT PUT IT  
OVER THERE A FEW MORE OF  
THESE "MAGIC BRICKS" CERTAINLY  
WON'T HURT THANKFULLY, WE FOUND  
THE REST OF THEM DURING THE  
LAST VISIT EACH KITAI LEADS TO A  
DIFFERENT DIMENSION THERE'S  
NO END TO THE TREASURES WE  
MEAN, YOU GUYS WILL FIND



ON ABOVE ANY OF THE FROSTY CURRENTS OF THE UPPER WINDS, A HELICOPTER CATCHES THE FRANTIC EYES OF LOST COMRADES

ACCOMPANYING TO JOURNEY AMONG THE CLOUDS IS VAPOR, A WOMAN OF MYSTERY NOT MUCH IS KNOWN ABOUT THIS WOMAN OR HER POWERS, EVEN BY HER COLLEAGUES.

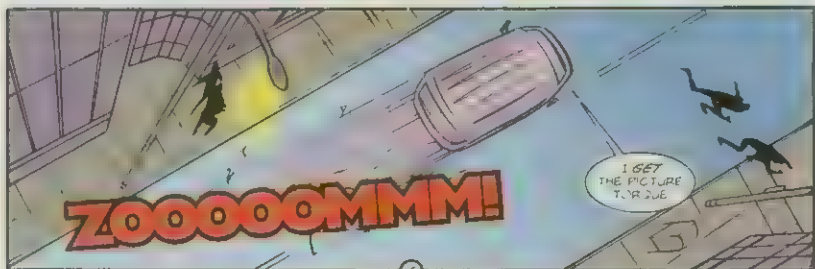
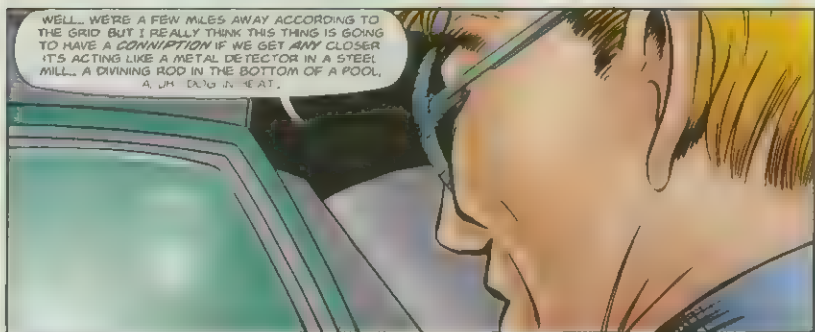
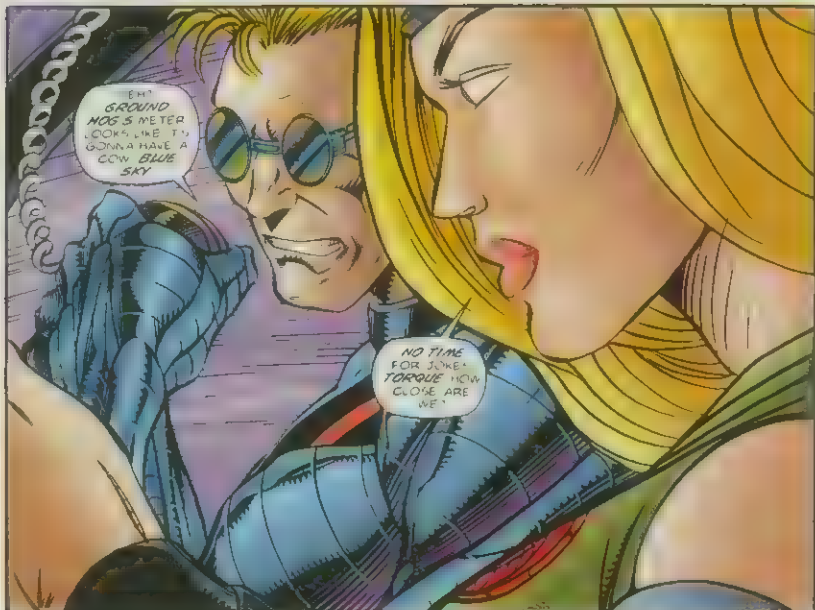
THEIR HER PRIVACY IS RESPECTED AMONG THEM, ALL THE WHISPERS TELL OF A TIME WHEN VAPOR WAS THE FIRST OF THE U.S. SPECIAL FORCES TO DEVELOP AN INVISIBILITY DEVICE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ONE DAY, SOMETHING WENT TERRIBLY WRONG.

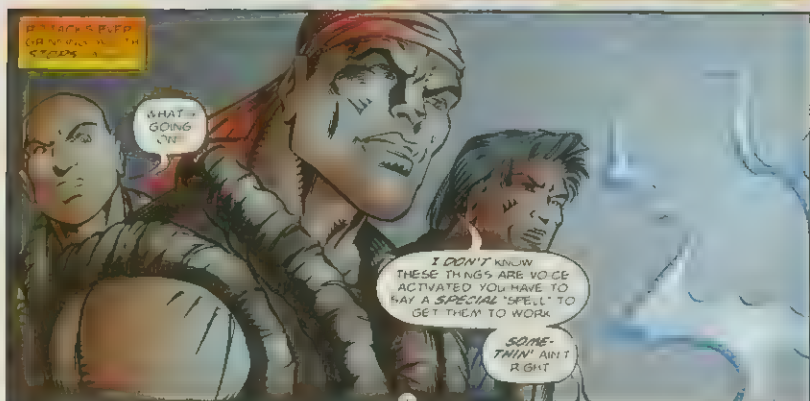
THE FACE BEHIND VAPOR'S MASK IS NEVER SEEN.

INSIDE THE  
HATCH

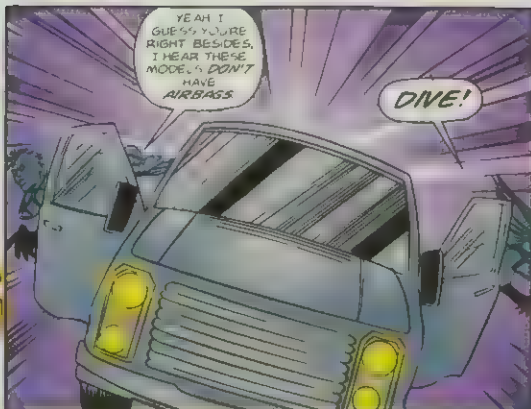
WE'VE GOT TO BE GETTING CLOSE CODY. THE READINGS ARE GETTING STRONGER... REAL STRONG!

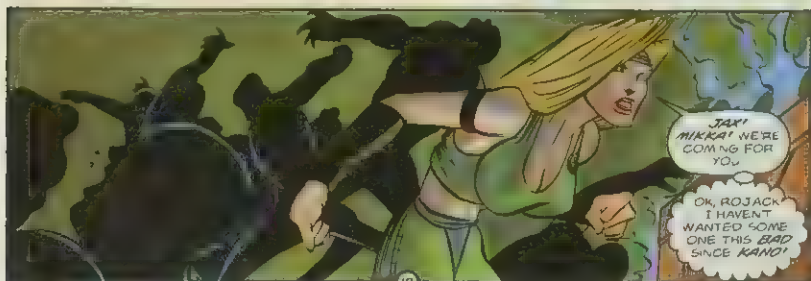
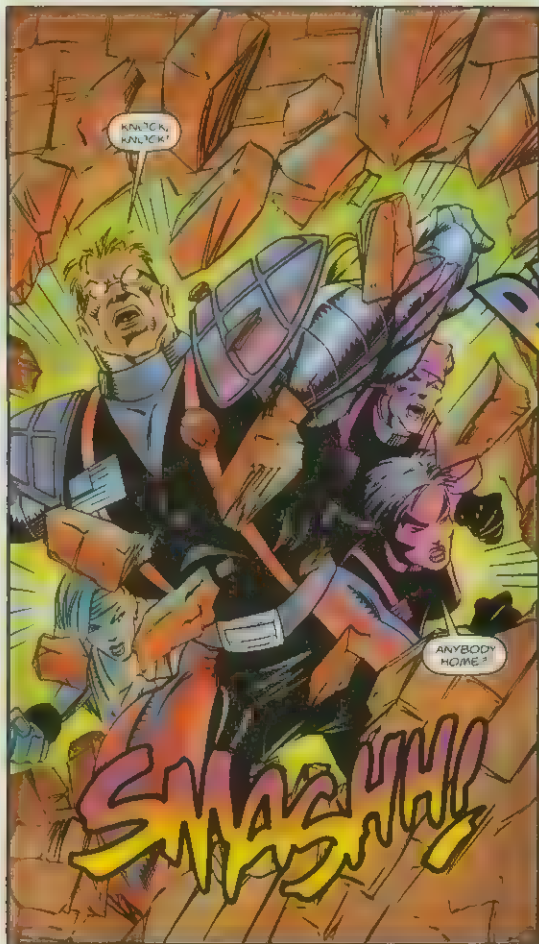
THIS IS BLUE SKY TO GROUND. HQS. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE CLOSING IN ON THE RATS. OUR ELECTRO-METER IS READY TO HAVE A BABY!





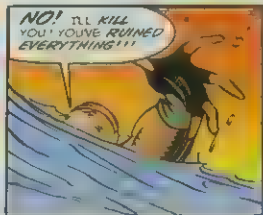
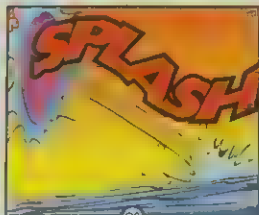
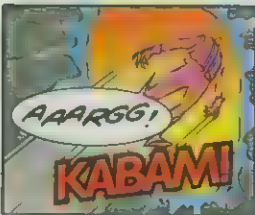
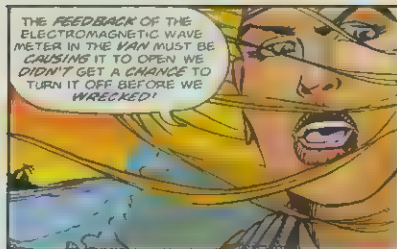


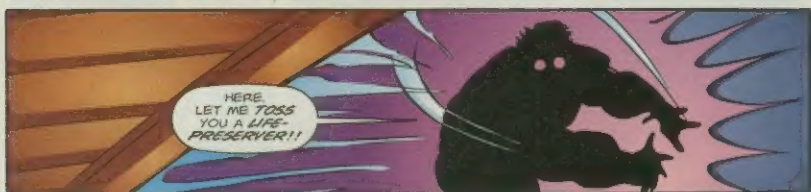
















# TO ANOTHER...

## ONE THING LEADS

### A look at Malibu Comics' upcoming **Mortal Kombat** one-shots.

Hello followers of the outlandish antics of MK. In our never-ending quest to bring you the finest in fist-slammin' fun, we have decided to give you one-shots. Yes, that's right. Baraka, Kung Lao, and Kitana & Mileena will all grace the pages of their own issues. Recently we asked our good friend and MK writer Charles Marshall what the stories have in store for us.

**Baraka:** If there were a contest for *Mortal Kombat*'s nastiest player, the mutant known as Baraka would have to be considered a front-runner. So what's he doing baby-sitting a small mutant child and protecting her from the perils of Outworld? Everyone wants the young infant, including the dead ninja Scorpion. It seems that Baraka has bitten off more than even his metallic teeth can chew, but help comes in the unlikely form of one of MK's most secret characters. "I could tell you who the guest star is," says *Baraka* writer Charles Marshall, "but then I'd have to kill you."

**Kung Lao:** One month later, we go from MK's most gruesome komatants to one of the most honorable ones. The nobility of the Order of Light's Kung Lao is pitted against the depravity of the evil sorcerer Shang Tsung. What makes this story so compelling, according to Marshall, is the fact that Shang Tsung consumed the soul of our hero's ancestor, the original Kung Lao. Combine that with the fact that Tsung has regained his youth and magnified his powers and you've got quite a conflict waiting in the wings.

**Kitana & Mileena:** The backdrop of the world of *Mortal Kombat* has a host of intriguing stories, but none more interesting than the saga of Kitana and Mileena. Who are these mysterious women, and what is their relationship to the dark emperor Shao Kahn? With the dreaded Reptile and Kano guest-starring, there will be konfrontations aplenty, promises Marshall, but the main point of this story will be detailing the history of Outworld and Kitana and Mileena's places in it.

Cover art to *Baraka* #1  
by Scott Sava.



# what's new at the Bu?

## A Whole Lotta Love!

It's the ever romantic month of February, *Pioneers*. To say that love is in the air here at Malibu is an understatement of Shakespearean proportions. In the past six months, there have been about six engagements (including my own to senior colorist, Renee Pulve). For a while, many of us were calling this place the Love 'Bu. Who says romance is dead in comics?

Floating hearts and Cupids aside, I have some special stuff to share with you... comic book wise, that is. How about clueing you in on a very exciting *Star Trek*® project? That's right, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*® "The

*Maquis*" is a three issue mini-series that will give you an insider's look at the way these ex-Federation citizens and officers operate. The story revolves around the always-charming Dr. Bashir and his unintentional membership into the

24th century rebel group. It's written by Mark A. Altman and illustrated by Rob Davis and Terry Pallot.

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conveniently listed to your right. See ya next month, *Pioneers*! And remember, we luv ya!



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